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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SAUDI-YEMENI RELATIONS

1. PRESIDENT AHMAD AL-GHASHMI DESCRIBED SAUDI-YEMENI RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT DURING CALL ON HIM ON JANUARY 30. HE CONTINUED THAT SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY SIGNED SEVERAL KEY ROAD AGREEMENTS WITH YEMEN WHICH WILL CONNECT THE TWO COUNTRIES BY LAND FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE SAID THAT HE CONSIDERS THIS DECISION A VERY IMPORTANT STEP AND ALSO A SIGN OF SAUDI SUPPORT FOR YEMEN'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

2. WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SAUDI SUPPORT FOR THE YEMENI ARMED FORCES, GHASHMI ALSO EXPRESSED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, THE HOPE THE SAUDIS WILL SPEED UP THE DELIVERY OF U.S. ARMS AND PARTICULARLY THE VULCAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT SYSTEM. AT THE SAME TIME HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THUS FAR THE SAUDIS HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF F55 FOR THE YEMENI AIR FORCE.

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3. COMMENT: GHASHMI'S WORDS CONFIRM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES ON THE CURRENT GOOD STATE OF SAUDI-YEMENI RELATIONS. HIS COMMENTS ABOUT ARMS DELIVERIES WERE STATED IN A LOW-KEY MANNER AND IT DID NOT APPEAR THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED ABOUT THE ALLEGED SLOWNESS.

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